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EDITORIAL

The material we published in the last edition about "The Inner Earth" raised a good deal of interest from readers and we hope to publish further articles in due course. The Bibliography by Bruce Walton entitled "A Guide to the Inner Earth" can be sent out on loan to anyone interested.

In this edition we are producing an account of the UFO seen near the A40 road which was mentioned briefly in the editorial last time. We welcome comments on this case.

Another startling case has come to our attention. A young man of 19 claims to have had a CE III with a UFO when he was walking home in the early hours of February 8th. The location was North Wales. The witness was so affected by the events that he was driven by his mother overnight to Wheatley in a somewhat distraught condition and arrived unannounced at Contact Headquarters at 8.00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Derek Mansell was able to contact David Ridge and they obtained an amazing interview which we hope to publish in our next edition of Awareness. Contact International is the only organisation to be informed of these events and we are respecting the witness's wishes that the facts are not exposed to the media. The Data Research team has talked this case over almost continuously since February and visited the landing site in North Wales.

Data Research has been considerably strengthened recently by two more working members - David Ridge who is now operating as Investigation Co-ordinator, and Mike Soper who has contributed a number of articles to Awareness over the years. Mike is well versed in computer programming and mathematical models so is available to analyse cases more scientifically than hitherto.

Thanks are due to those many members who have enrolled in the UFO Correspondence Course. From the comments received it appears to have been very popular, so perhaps more readers would consider joining (see details on the advertising page). We are also advertising the Course in various publications.

It is regretted that the organisation has virtually no capital available at present. Our printing costs and leasing of the Photocopier have whittled away available funds. We are in a position to maintain our publication for the foreseeable future but cannot afford the risk of holding conferences/seminars etc., in case of financial loss. The subscription is again being held at a ridiculously low £4.95 per annum to encourage new members of limited means, but established members/investigators please send a voluntary donation to help us.

The analysis forms are missing this time as available space has been taken up by other articles. The gap will enable Data Research to study in depth the responses received on the more controversial cases Nos. 11-14. Responses indicate a generally favourable reaction to the Betty and Barney Hill case and a number of interesting remarks are to hand. However very few people appear to have believed the White Horse Hill incident where a ball of light attacked Contact Investigators. Most respondents considered this to be a hoax or an army secret weapon.

The weather is at last improving after a prolonged Winter so perhaps we shall see yet more ground-marks in the cornfields! Good UFO hunting this Summer and don't forget to forward subscriptions A.S.A.P.

THE EDITOR

INCIDENT ON THE A40

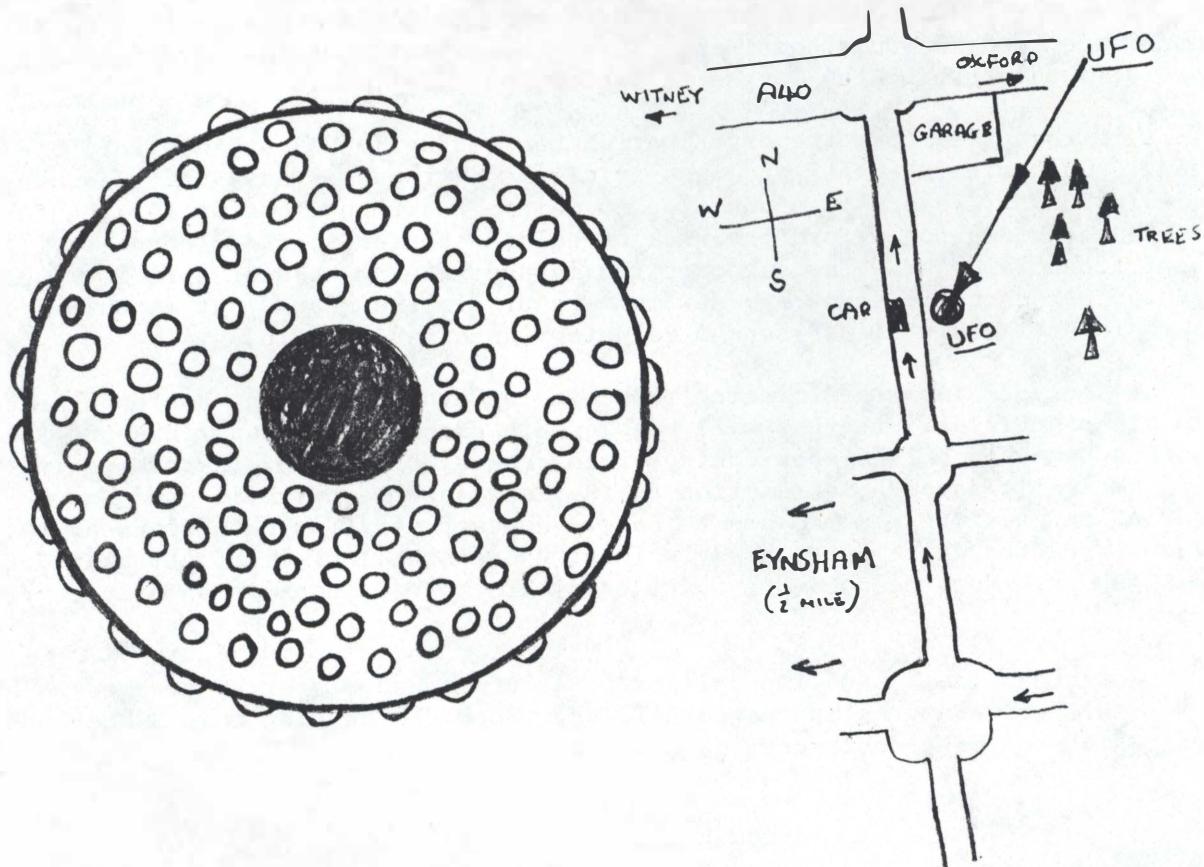
(Investigated by Derek Mansell and Geoff Ambler)

(As part of our survey of recent UFO sightings in the general area of the Thames Valley, we are producing a fuller account of one of the most interesting cases to hand, wherein the authors were able to meet the witnesses involved and visit the site of the incident.)

Scenario: On November 24th 1984, the witnesses, a man and wife in their mid-thirties, were returning home to Witney (oxon) from visiting relatives in west Oxford. The time was approximately 10.15 p.m. on a dry starlit night.

As their car approached the main trunk road A40 in a north facing direction just outside the village of Eynsham, they observed a very bright orange ball approaching towards them from a north-easterly direction. When the object got nearer, it was described as being enormous - "as large as 4 houses" and at least 120 feet in diameter. It was observed to be globular in shape with millions of glowing orange balls mounted on a dark background. There was a dark central core. It changed in colour to dark red and green as it approached and came to within 150 yards and 100 feet height of the witnesses in their car and they were convinced it was about to land, but it suddenly changed course at the last minute shooting up vertically at great speed in a mass of blue and yellow flashes. The approach had been at a fairly slow rate, over 2 minutes, until the final manoeuvre at great speed.

The witnesses variously described the object as resembling a fairground Big Wheel, and like a moulded cover on a disco loud speaker which was shown to the investigators. In size it was equated to a dinner plate held at arms length and certainly much larger and brighter than a full moon. The object as drawn by the witnesses and the map location of the incident is shown below.



Observations and Effects on the Witnesses: The car which was moving at only 10 m.p.h. as the witnesses were observing the object, began to missfire and the lights dimmed. The male witness (driver) said his right arm became numb and cold for two days after the incident. (From the approach angle shown - the object would have been closest and radiating on this arm as he sat in the drivers seat). He first felt the numbness on arising the following morning.

The witnesses thought the temperature rose as the object approached. They were uncertain if there was any sound above the noise of their car engine.

The male witness also noticed that his watch was showing the wrong date the following day although the hours and minutes hands were reading correctly. The watch was a quartz type although it had traditional hours and minutes hands.

The co-witness (female) claimed to have had a dream in which her husband's arm appeared to be "hairy" and was elongating. She woke him in the early hours after this vivid experience.

The Witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. H. were friendly and co-operative towards the investigators. There seemed little doubt they had experienced what they said they had. They had informed the police and the Oxford Mail newspaper and asked the attendant of the garage at the junction of the A40 main road if he had seen anything at all within minutes of the object appearing. The attendant had not seen the object and nobody else appeared to have either.

Both witnesses were firmly convinced that the object was a UFO - not from this world. Mr. H. was into "disco" organising, but claimed that only a quiet family evening had been spent that particular Saturday, so he was not affected by bright flashing lights or sounds. Neither had he or his wife been drinking. Mr. H. had normal vision although his wife wore glasses. He was able to identify satellites or meteorites.

The Location: The investigators checked out the location at Eynsham. At the estimated encounter point there is a fairly open expanse of field with a few trees when looking directly towards the north east, but straight ahead there is a large roundabout connecting this road to the A40. Very bright lighting is to be seen over the roundabout. Other than this though, there seemed to be little else to prevent a good sighting of a UFO on a clear starlit-night. The nearest inhabited building is probably the garage by the roundabout.

Investigators Findings: Enquiries have been made to the police, the nearest military base at Brize Norton and the very close civil airbase at Kidlington. Negative replies have been received from both sources although Brize Norton stated their aircraft would be making regular flights over the area in question. It is clear that the co-witnesses are the only persons to have experienced the UFO unless something emerges at a later date. Invariably enquiries to military bases or airports rarely produce anything to corroborate a sighting although equally they never claim to have had aircraft approaching at the point of the encounter either!

One interesting fact not hitherto mentioned is that electrical storms were seen on the night in question. In fact the witnesses noticed lightning on the horizon before their encounter. Could it be that the object was a manifestation of ball-lightning? Oddly the night was described as starlit and lightning is seldom encountered in November. No storms or rumbles of thunder were heard by any member of Contact in the Oxford area. On the other hand, atmospheric disturbances could be created, by a highly charged energy field surrounding a UFO, which adds to the possibility of the UFO itself being real.

The effects on the witnesses when in their car clearly point to classical UFO reactions - electro-magnetic disturbances upsetting the engine and lights on the car and witness's watch, and some sort of radiation effect on the right arm of the male witness. There was no evidence presented that either witness had read books on the subject of UFO's, and knew that these reactions have been reported many times before. The final rapid manoeuvre of the object before disappearing also indicates an object controlled by superior technology.

We think this to be a first class UFO sighting if just one independant witness could corroborate it.

*Replies received from authorities contacted on this case.

CSE Aviation Ltd., Oxford Airport, Kidlington, Oxford.

Dear Mr. Ridge,

Thank you for your letter dated 29th January 1985 requesting information regarding a possible UFO sighting on 24th November 1984 at 2215. I regret to inform you that as Oxford (Kidlington) Airport closed at 19.30 upon the day in question, we are in no position to substantiate your claim.

It is respectfully suggested that any further UFO sightings within the locality be reported to the following address.

AIS (Military) LATCC
R.A.F. West Drayton,
Middlesex.

Yours sincerely,

ROYAL AIR FORCE, Brize Norton, Oxford. OX8 3LX

Dear Mr. Ridge,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th January 1985 referring to an "Unidentified Flying Object" in the vicinity of Eynsham.

We have no other reports of "UFO" sightings on 24th November 1984; however the object could well have been a Brize Norton aircraft as we regularly operate in the area you quoted.

Yours sincerely,

THAMES VALLEY POLICE STATION. Welch Way, Witney, Oxford.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 29th January 1985, regarding the sighting of an unusual object on the night of 24 November 1984, near A40, Eynsham.

I regret that I am unable to give you any further information as we only had one report of this matter which it appears came into your possession.

Yours faithfully,

It should be noted that large transport aircraft are used by Brize Norton, principally Hercules and Nimrods. These would make steady approaches to the runways and in no way would they be found flying as low as 150 feet at a point approximately 10 miles from the base.

The civilian base at Kidlington is predominately for light aircraft and none would measure up to the size of the UFO stated in the report.

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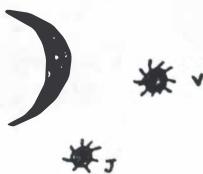
by

G.E. Ambler

The position of the planets which might be mistaken for UFO's are charted annually in this magazine to enable investigators and any other interested parties to eliminate obvious misidentifications. The 1984 positions were reported in Awareness Vol.12 No.3.

During 1985 Venus will be a very bright object in the evenings until April and later in the year will appear in the early hours. The second brightest planet Jupiter will not be visible until July onwards as an evening object. Mars is in a poor position throughout the year and will hardly be noticed at the magnitude or brightness it displays.

The 1984 positions produced a marvellous combination of Venus and Jupiter-both brilliant and very close together in the early evenings of November and December. An incredible view was had on November 26th at 5 p.m. when both planets and a new crescent moon were all together low in the South West sky.

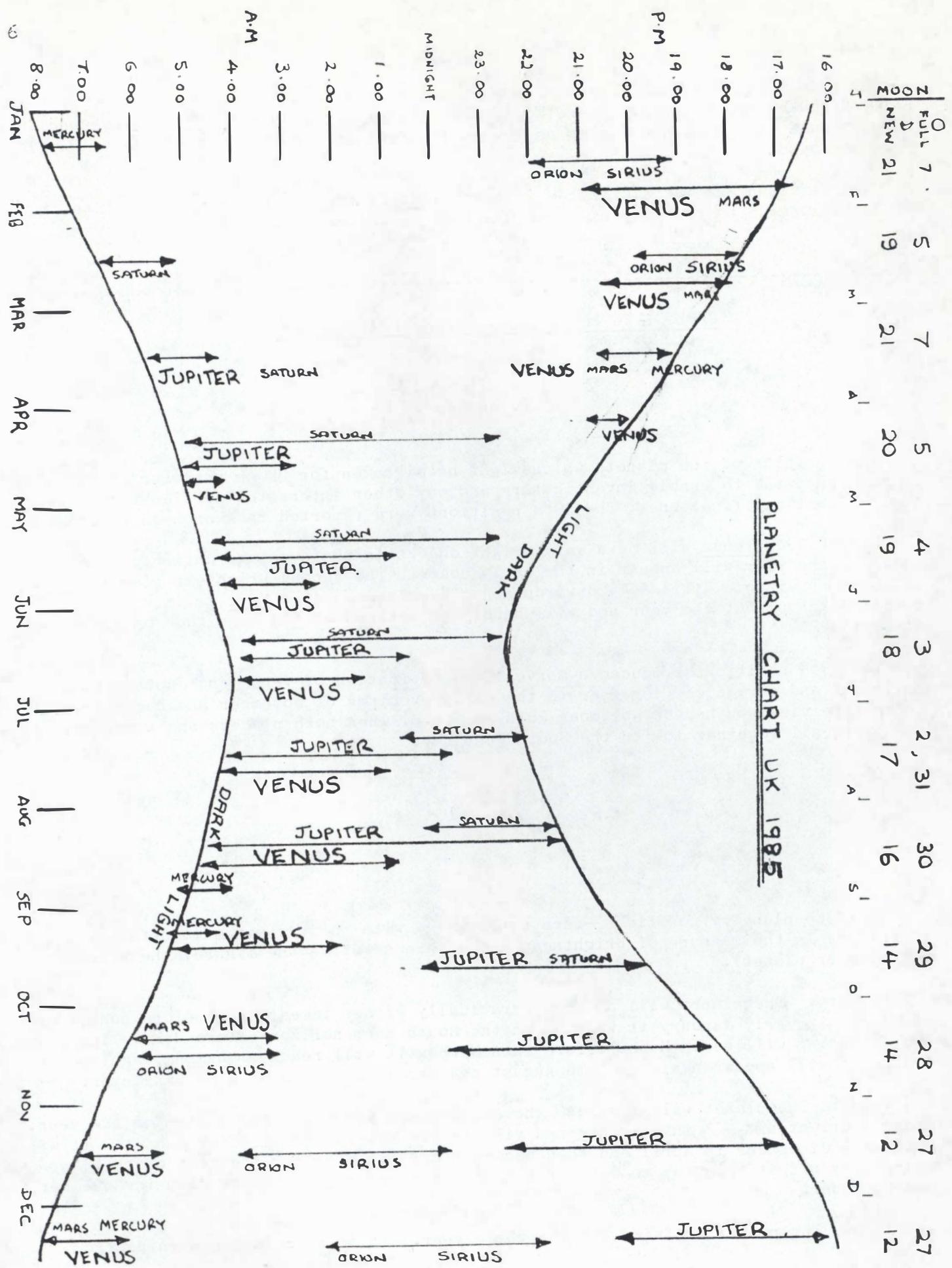


The 1985 planetary positions ¹ are noted below with their maximum magnitudes. (Magnitude is the measure of brightness - the more negative the figure, the brighter the star or planet).

Mercury: The planet will be seen erratically either immediately before sunset or sunrise. In early January it will be on the South East horizon before dawn. Its best sighting will be in March before sunset when it will reach a maximum magnitude of -1.1. It will appear again in late August and early September as a morning star.

Venus: The planet will dominate the evening sky for the early months of the year, being as bright as -4.3 in February and visible for several hours after sunset. It will gradually disappear in April and then become a morning star for the rest of the year being very bright from May to October but only appearing just before dawn in November and December.

Mars: The planet is faint for the whole year. It is seen in the evening from



January to March, but its best magnitude is only +1.4 so it will not stand out from background stars. It reappears from September to December as a faint morning star.

Jupiter: Will not be seen until mid-March in the period before dawn, but will then be seen more extensively in later months reaching a maximum magnitude of -2.4 in August when it will be visible all night. During the latter part of the year it will be seen before midnight only.

Saturn: The ringed planet is never very bright but we include it in these notes. It will be visible all night from April to June and before midnight from July to September. It is brightest in May at +0.2.

Other Objects: Sirius: The brightest star visible in the winter months. Rises behind the constellation Orion.

Orion Nebula: The fuzzy nebula in the Orion constellation seen at normal evening viewing times from November to March.

Pleiades: The cluster of stars almost directly overhead in Winter months.

Halley's Comet: At last the comet is to return in 1986 after its 76 year cycle. For most viewers this will be the only sighting in a life-time. It is unclear how bright the tail of the comet will be, so investigators should heed reports in the media towards the end of the year. (The writer was unable to spot the last two comets in the U.K. skyline in spite of excited reports in some publications.)

Notes on Magnitude: The values given in the above text are a comparative figure. The bluish star Vega in constellation Lyra is taken as zero magnitude as viewed from Earth. Brighter stars or planets are given negative numbers (-) whilst dimmer objects are given positive numbers (+). Most bodies are positive magnitude but those which are negative magnitude (brighter) are listed below.

SUN	(star)	-26
VENUS	(planet)	Max. -4.4
MARS	(planet)	Max. -2.8
JUPITER	(planet)	Max. -2.5
MERCURY	(planet)	Max. -1.9
SIRIUS	(star)	-1.4
ARCTURUS	(star)	-0.1
POLE STAR		+2.0

Artificial satellites as observed from the U.K. are usually no brighter than the pole-star, Polaris, so we estimate a magnitude of about +2.0. Stroboscopic flashing lights on aircraft are somewhere in the region of Venus' brightness (say -5.0)

Hypothetical Cases:

- Brilliant white object seen hovering low in the S,W. at 7 p.m. February 1st 1985. Object almost certain to be Venus.
- Red object, very bright, seen overhead at midnight on February 20th. Possibly Mars, but planet is very faint at this time. Check aircraft movements before confirming UFO.
- White object seen overhead hovering at midnight on August 5th 1985. Most likely to be Jupiter.

(d) Bright white object seen low on horizon at 11p.m. on April 1st 1985. Venus and Jupiter are both absent at this time so possible UFO if aircraft can be eliminated.

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UFONAUTS - WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

by

Michael Courtney *

When I saw the small disc manoevring with a plane and then speeding off at a colossal speed into a cloudbank I knew that the human race was not the only intelligent race in the Universe; because the craft was too advanced for anyone on Earth to have built, and it was either being currently flown by aliens or had been programmed by aliens to fly in the way it did.

I call this the alien hypothesis and do not consider the vast distances to other planetary systems any barrier to much more advanced races -- in our own history almost every technical impossibility has become a possibility later, and when we have not yet discovered what 'space' is (there are many deep theoretical problems in this concept) we are not in a position to say that Faster Than Light travel is a priori impossible, only that with our current understanding of what it means for a body to occupy a certain position and move we cannot understand how it might occur. After all when 19th century physicists were busy wrapping up 'the whole field' of physics, Becquerel was discovering radioactivity.

From at least three hypnotically-regressed abductee reports and from the experiences of Betty Andriasson and Monsieur Masse we have a description which tallies very closely: these type 1 humanoids are three to four feet tall, have greyish green skin, large brachycephalic heads and large very impressive frontal eyes. The ears vary. The forehead is high in proportion to the head, and the nose almost non-existent, the mouth a mere slit which does not seem to function for ingestion of solids. They frequently wear uniforms or functional suits and tend to appear shy.

From the behaviour of UFOs we can deduce that the pilots or programmers are efficient, quick reacting, disciplined, skillful and fun-loving. They have very frequently played games and 'tag' with our 'interceptors' much to the terror of the pilots of our unmanoeuvrable cruciform planes. Their planes 'use' the medium, our planes 'fight' it.

They are evidently very highly intelligent, technical, scientific, and altruistic. They seem to collect specimens of our flora and fauna and to examine medically our bodies, brains, and reactions. One may hypothesize that this may be for the purpose of preserving our culture in case of holocaust. As seen in the case of Betty and Barney Hill, they are also thoughtful and helpful but somewhat incomprehending of our primitive tendency to panic.

From one contact experience it was revealed that they do not believe in time and consider the belief in time a mark of a primitive race! They also expect us

seemingly to have greater knowledge of our past and myths than many do, which seems to indicate that they can visit from the same point any 'time' in our history. See 'Support for Vallee's hypothesis from an unusual quarter' issue 4 1983-4 (M. Soper)

The human brain can be immensely powerful but in our culture is provided with very poor quality information and educated very inefficiently. If you have the most powerful computer in the world but only use it for tic-tac-toe you do not advance very far. The human problem, then, can be viewed in computing terms as a software problem-- not a hardware problem. Each generation tends to copy the software of the last generation and in this way poor methods and attitudes are perpetuated. Should we wish to improve our culture, the parents should provide the children with attitudes different from the ones they encountered and encourage harmony and love rather than wooden attitudes, and legalistic mores.

We can in fact take implicit advice from the behaviour and nature of UFOs and the 'pilots'. Although they have been shot at, they have not shot back (Kelly-Hopkinsville). In fact the only 'weapons' so far reported have been beams of matter-light (Travis Walton), uncomfortable feelings of heat, and benign paralysis-rays (Monsieur Masse). The latter could possibly be hypnotic suggestion. Ufonauts have been fired on several times for example and have behaved entirely pacifically. There have also been cases where close encounter cases have become vegetarian or near-vegetarian (no red meat) (Aveley) and have adopted alternative life-styles. They also seem to dislike hunting (Cisco Grove). The circular craft themselves are often very beautiful and have a harmonious shape which happens to resemble one of the most healing symbols known to man (Carl Jung).

Thus what are the elements we find: peace and harmony with the system of the world, vegetarianism, kindness, and altruism -- and a tendency to make difficult situations into games. Very harmonious ways.

One can learn from this ---- if Man could just fit in with the system, instead of trying to alter it with the basis of inadequate or inappropriate knowledge, things might get better. But we feel we must act, persuade, convert, save, use insecticides to eliminate pests, fight, only to discover later that it was never as necessary as the experts thought and interference in the course and path of nature wasn't really required. It seems we either stagnate, like bushman tribes who use the same stones sometimes for thousands of years; or move far too fast and too violently like the West with its Christian emphasis on salvation through action, rather than harmony through being. C.G. Jung is very sound on this question.

We need to develop more slowly and peacefully, harmoniously without the use and study of weapons; without active cruelty for example in eating highly intelligent animals, and without intense effort except harmony with Nature (or God for the believer). The hard fact is that action is usually wrong-headed.

Why do they come here? It may be that we can never comprehend the reasons of what may be a completely different kind of mind, by we may hypothesize. The vast increase in sightings since World War 2 seems to indicate that the atomic explosions were noticed --- atomic explosions create a greater X-ray flux than the sun and can be detected relatively easily at vast distances. They may have come out of curiosity, or possibly to help. The curiosity may be simple, or technical, or scientific (the taking of botanical samples) (the examination of defence sites); the Earth may be a way of phasing from one place to another, or the reason may be religious --- to help a backward race. Contactees are frequently told either that there will not be any atomic war, or that many will be

saved. Very many minor contactees are told 'We shall return' and are puzzled when they don't. Could this be one way of saying that nothing ever happens twice-----time does not exist again?

The Light-show put on sometimes by UFOs and the formation flying and stacking displays and the incredibly intense lights that seem separate from the motive-glow of the machines seem to place emphasis on the ability to notice — active rather than passive, a creative act rather than a passive reaction; a thought that runs counter to the tendency of our age.

All the evidence seems to suggest that although the automatic reaction induced by the circumstances in a very close encounter is fear, this should not be taken seriously. There is nothing to fear, no rational cause for fear. In fact the encountee should feel honoured.

ASPECTS OF THE "COVER-UP"

(We produce below the account rendered by Derek Mansell and published by the Oxford Star of 14/2/85 under their column "The Oxford Platform". The article refers to instances of the UFO "Cover-up" in the U.K. and USA over a thirty year period. This is followed by a 1979 account by Jerome Eden indicating the C.I.A involvement over the same period-Ed.)

THE UFO CONSPIRACY

by D.N. Mansell

UFOs have been reported for thousands of years but no-one took much notice until World War 11.

British, American, German and Japanese aircraft were being bugged by unknown aircraft, they were known as Foo fighters.

Service personnel, police airline pilots, plus the public have been reporting UFOs ever since. All reports are sent to the Ministry of Defence at West Drayton.

If any person wants details of the report, they are referred to West Drayton saying they will give details. But when you write asking for details, they tell you they cannot help, or refer you to another Ministry of Defence department which sends out a standard reply saying that if there were no defence implications to the country, they are not interested.

This is known as the great UFO cover up, not only here, but by most other governments.

The most interesting cases which we believe have been covered up, involve crashed UFOs. In Britain there have been five known cases in 1922, 1961, 1978 and 1981. In Scotland, Cambridgeshire, the River Thames, Essex and an unknown area, but Southern England.

The Essex case was recently in the News of the World. Other crashes have occurred in Spitzbergen, the coast of East Germany, Korea, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, Canada and the United States.

In Spitzbergen, Argentina, Brazil, United States, the American Air Force, CIA and FBI have all been involved.

Between 1948 and 1968 in America, there have been at least 20 crashes, but trying to get the facts is very hard. The Freedom of Information Act in America is beginning to help, but only just. Three American cases follow.

1. A recovery unit from Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas, was sent out in 1948 to recover a crashed craft.

It was a disc 90ft in diameter, but had exploded on impact. Several burnt bodies were recovered. They were humanised and about 4ft 6in tall.

Information was leaked out by the Provost Marshal involved; but not until 1977.

2. A Radar specialist was on duty at Edwards Air Force Base in California during 1952 when he reported a UFO on radar to the captain in charge. The object was descending rapidly and went off the screen. Presumably it had crashed.

The Captain said: "You have seen nothing, make sure you understand."

A recovery unit was sent out straight away to the area of the crash. They retrieved a craft over 50ft in diameter. It had a row of windows, but the craft had burst out on impact. Four bodies 4ft 6in in height, humanoid in appearance, were recovered.

After being taken back to Edwards Air Force Base, the bodies and craft were removed by truck with armed escort to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Several other important witnesses, including military personnel, have since come forward.

3. Another case was discovered by an important American UFO group. It involved an affidavit being signed by a major witness. His name Fritz Werner.

It went "I Fritz Werner do solemnly swear that during a special assignment with the U.S. Air Force on May 21, 1953, I assisted in the investigation of a crashed unknown object, in the vicinity of Kingman, Arizona."

The affidavit went on to explain the craft. It was constructed of an unknown metal like aluminium and was oval in shape. There was an entrance hatch, inside an oval cabin, two swivel type chairs and a display of instruments.

In a tent nearby, was one body, the only occupant. He was about 4ft high, had a dark brown complexion and had two eyes, two ears and a roundish mouth.

For all the cases mentioned and all others, crack recovery units were used, all being armed. Any local police, sheriff department and state police were kept out. Civilian and other military experts who were taken in were always blindfolded to the site and back again.

Private research groups have always suspected the crashed but are only just beginning to get scraps of information mainly because of the new Freedom Act.

Samples from important landing sites have disappeared after being sent away for tests. The same applies to photographs.

There is no doubt whatsoever that there is a huge cover-up.

NEW CLOAKS & OLD DAGGERS

From."Scavengers From Space" by Jerome Eden, Idaho, U.S.A.

Few Americans are aware of the profound and prolonged role played by our Central Intelligence Agency in the UFO problem. Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson writing in the New York Post on April 10, 1975 stated that "As far back as 1953, the CIA held secret, high level meetings on the question of flying saucers." Anderson is referring here to the Robertson Panel which concluded "that there was no evidence of a direct threat to national security" from flying saucers. (Note: Neither did the Robertson Panel advance any evidence that UFOs represented a benevolent species from outer space who desire "to help us.") The CIA also noted "a general absence of Russian propaganda based on the subject of flying saucers," according to Anderson.

Any intelligent reader who has the slightest knowledge of clandestine governmental operations, particularly with respect to the Soviet KGB, must ponder over Anderson's remark concerning "a general absence of Russian propaganda" on flying saucers. Would anyone who has all his buttons intact expect Soviet spy masters to tele graph to the Western World their interest in UFOs?. Or would the KGB do precisely what the CIA would do under the circumstances? Ridicule the subject publicly, while they scuttle behind the scenes, collecting, tabulating, and filing every straw of evidence?

Actually CIA involvement with UFOs began in 1948, as detailed in Keyhoe's book, Aliens from Space. And despite the fact that the U.S. Air Force has often been publicly abused for its policy (or lack of policy) regarding UFOs, it is the CIA that has been behind whatever overt or covert policies our government maintains toward UFOs or those who report them.

Why did the CIA get involved with UFOs in the first place? If UFOs represented no threat to national security in 1948, what triggered CIA interest? And if --- as Anderson reports --- UFOs represented no national-security threat in 1953 why then was the CIA still so deeply involved? Furthermore, why is the CIA continuing to call the shots on UFO policy to this day, if no national-security threat exists? Certainly we might expect that the CIA has far weightier and more important security and intelligence functions to perform than to involve itself in the nebulous, crackpot-permeated atmosphere of the "kooks and weirdos" who report UFO sightings. Or has it?

Three significant events may have instigated or at least helped to focus CIA attention upon UFOs during 1948. Let us review these events briefly:

The Commanding General of the Air Materiel Command, which supervised the Air Technical Intelligence Centre (ATIC) was Nathan F. Twining. Lt. Gen. Twining wrote a letter on September 23, 1947 to the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces in Washington, D.C. The subject of this letter was "AMC (Air Materiel Command) Opinion Concerning 'Flying Discs'".

In this lengthy and important document, General Twining outlined his views regarding the reality of UFOs:

The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious... probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as a man-made aircraft... The reported operating characteristics such as extreme

rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which might be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar.....common description of the object is..... metallic or light reflecting surface.....circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed top.... Several reports of well kept formation flights varying from three to nine objects no associated sound... level flight speeds normal above 300 knots were estimated.

The complete text of General Twining's letter was published in Appendix R of the Colorado's UFO study, conducted under Dr. Edward U Condon and made public January 8 1969 --- more than twenty years after it was written!

In his letter, General Twining recommended that the subject of UFOs be given "a security classification and Code Name for a detailed study of this matter." He further stated that all such classified data would then be made "available to the Army, Navy, Atomic Energy Commission" as well as other agencies, including Air Force Scientific Advisory Group. (Italics added). In passing, we note the curious inclusion to the Atomic Energy Commission in the list of agencies to receive highly classified data regarding UFOs. We note also that several prominent nuclear physicists were members of the Robertson Panel that investigated and made recommendations regarding UFOs. At this point we shall draw no conclusions, but merely point out the involvement of the atomic-energy interests in UFOs.

In the entire history of the United States, few projects have ever involved such an amalgamation of brains and brass. In studying General Twining's lengthy communication it soon becomes clear that his major concern is over the possibility of a surprise assault by some foreign terrestrial enemy of the United States using new and superior craft and weaponry. If these "flying discs" are products of the Soviet Union, we would be in deep trouble indeed. (Years later, it should be noted, high-level Soviet scientists admitted to similar concerns regarding the United States. This is apparent from a careful study of UFOs From Behind the Iron Curtain, by Ion Hobana and Julien Weverbergh, Souvenir Press, Ltd., London 1974.) Also implicit in General Twining's letter is his concern that these "flying discs" might be interplanetary. (We must leave it to future military historians to uncover what communications, if any, passed between General Douglas MacArthur and General Nathan Twining, not to mention other high-ranking military men in all the military establishments, regarding the UFO enigma. It is a near certainty that any memoranda pertaining to such discussions have been destroyed, or misplaced, or "erased". Nevertheless, such explosive secrets have a habit of blowing to the surface, either because they suddenly become politically or financially profitable or because emerging events themselves place the bearer of such secrets under intolerable emotional pressures which compel the catharsis of revealing them.)

Let us return now to our discussion of the events that attracted the CIA into the cosmic arena dealing with UFOs. The next event was the establishment of "Project Sign," the code name for the top-level UFO investigative project, formed on orders of the "Chief of Staff"--- and thus, we assume, by direct order of the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. Project Sign was officially organized December 30, 1947 and became operational on January 22, 1948. This brings us to the third event.

Students of UFOlogy will recall that on January 7, 1948 Captain Thomas Mantell sent up to investigate a UFO near Louisville, Kentucky, was killed in this mission while in pursuit of a UFO in his F-51.

Mantell's last radio message indicated the UFO was of tremendous size. The official explanation for Mantell's death was that the captain had died "while chasing the planet Venus". (If this explanation was calculated to relieve panic in the people, imagine how intelligent Americans everywhere must have reacted to a news release that implied that our tested and experienced pilots were so abysmally ignorant and irresponsible that they wasted themselves and their aircraft in quixotic pursuits of planets!) Unofficially, however, the record indicates that many top brass were extremely worried, with excellent reasons. Thus, General Twining's letter, the establishment of Project Sign, and the shocking death of Captain Mantell indicated the need for immediate and major efforts on the part of the entire intelligence community; and CIA involvement in 1948 was both logical and a necessary step.

The original purpose of the CIA was to act as a co-ordinating agency among the various intelligence-gathering arms of the federal government. Established under the National Security Act of 1947, under the Truman Administration, CIA's main job was to gather intelligence data and then develop reports and studies to be used by national policy makers in conducting foreign policy. The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, however, expanded the scope of the CIA, allowing it to "perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence.... as the National Security Council may from time to time direct." (Italics added.)

Victor Marchetti, a veteran of fourteen years with the CIA, notes in his book, The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence, written in collaboration with John D Marks (Dell Publishing Co., N.Y., 1975):

The CIA is both the centre and the primary instrument of the cult intelligence. It engages in espionage and counter espionage, in propaganda and disinformation (the deliberate circulation of false information), in psychological warfare and paramilitary activities. It penetrates and manipulates private institutions, and creates its own organisations..... It recruits agents and mercenaries (including journalists who write about UFOs? JE); it bribes and blackmails foreign officials to carry out its most unsavoury tasks. It does whatever is required to achieve its goals, without any consideration of the ethics involved or the moral consequences of its actions. (Italics added.)

The authors further characterize the CIA as "the secret-action arm of American foreign policy," and point out that the CIA's most powerful weapon is its "covert intervention in the internal affairs of countries the U.S. government wishes to control or influence." Let us pause to consider the above statement more fully: The most powerful weapon of our (or any other government's) intelligence apparatus is "covert intervention in the internal affairs of countries the U.S. government wishes to control or influence." This is standard secret-service procedure in the United States, in the Soviet Union, in Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Cuba--- in every nation able to afford the expenditure and capable of training the personnel.

Our focus of attention in this book on UFOs and the Spacemen who control them. From what has already been mentioned, plus additional documented facts that will be brought out in the following pages, it is crystal clear that we are dealing with some advanced civilization, or civilizations, whose technology far exceeds anything presently known on our planet. Therefore, to paraphrase the lyrics of a well known popular song: "Anything we can do, the Spacemen can do

better; they can do anything better than we!" UFO superiority has been amply documented. Our fastest interceptor jets cannot make or hold contact with UFOs. Our finest pilots are frustrated and frightened, often laying their lives on the line in futile chases of the elusive, alien spacecraft. The same situation holds true for the Soviet Union, which has only recently openly admitted this. The logical extension of the Spacemen's superior technology in the skies leads us to conclude that they are years (if not centuries) ahead of us in every type of "intelligence-gathering" operation as well, including communications, penetrating "foreign" civilizations, and in spreading propaganda and disinformation. "Anything we can do, they can do much better!" This must never be forgotten.

Now let us return to our discussion of the CIA--- the American terrestrial power that controls, disseminates, distorts, informs or disinforms the public with respect to the "truth" regarding UFOs. What concerns us here, however, is not the CIA's clandestine roles in foreign countries or in political Watergates, but rather what physicist Stanton Friedman calls "The Cosmic Watergate"--- the cover up of the truth regarding UFOs.

Operators within the CIA (not the entire CIA personnel, many of whom have the best interests of their nation at heart) have been directly responsible for evading or distorting the truth about UFOs, intimidating and discrediting witnesses, often to the point of ruining promising careers and wrecking lives. Such procedures are both reprehensible and damaging when viewed in the light of the CIA's persistent and continuing denials that UFOs exist or constitute a threat to the United States.

Why then does the CIA indulge in such shabby and shameful tactics? Under what circumstances would lying, deceit, or disinformation be justified "in the interest of national security?"

While driving to his new Navy assignment near Tremonton, Utah, on July 2, 1952 Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse, a Naval Aviation photographer with many years of photographic experience, spotted a group of some fourteen UFOs maneuvering at high speed in the sky. Newhouse was able to shoot forty feet of film through his Bell and Howell movie camera, using a 3-inch telephoto lens.

Photographic analysts at the Navy photolab scrutinized the film with great care for nearly 600 hours! The consensus of opinion among these experienced technicians was that the objects were not conventional aircraft; they were not balloons and they were not birds. The only explanation that could reasonably account for the objects' high speeds and flight maneuvers was that they were "unknown objects under intelligent control."

In a special CIA-conducted conference on January 12, 1953, the CIA agents involved brazenly denied the facts regarding the Newhouse film. As reported by Keyhoe in Aliens from Space, an Intelligence colonel told Keyhoe:

We were double crossed. The CIA doesn't want to prepare the public--- they're trying to bury the subject. Those CIA agents ran the whole show and the scientists followed their lead. They threw out the Utah film --- said the Navy analysts were incompetent.... I know those CIA agents were only following orders.....
(Italics added.)

At this time the press official in charge of UFO information was Albert M. Chop a civilian employed by the Air Force. After the CIA had thoroughly "discredited" the Newhouse film (as well as the Navy photo-analysts), Keyhoe reports in his book that Chop told Him:

"We've been ordered to work up a national debunking campaign, planting articles in magazines and arranging broadcasts (and now movies? JE) to make UFO reports sound like poppycock." (Italics added.) A few days later, Chop resigned his job with the Air Force.

Captain Edward J. Ruppelt later told Keyhoe:

We're ordered to hide sightings when possible, but if a strong report does get out we have to publish a fast explanation--make something up to kill the report in a hurry, and also ridicule the witness, especially if we can't figure a plausible answer. We even have to discredit our own pilots. It's a raw deal but we can't buck the CIA. The whole thing makes me sick--- (Italics added.)

Thus, the CIA, under the National Security Council, indulged itself-- and continues to indulge itself--- in vicious smear campaigns to discredit not only civilian witnesses and airline pilots, but also U.S. Air Force pilots as well! Keyhoe notes that even congressmen and senators with high security clearances cannot "get the true answers" from the CIA!

Now, what conclusions may we draw from the evasive tactics and behaviour on the part of a U.S. Agency dedicated to uphold the best interests of the American people and "national security"? Is the CIA merely playing "spy-in-the-sky" games out of a perverted sense of amusement? Is all of this being done so as "not to panic the people" (as Ralph and Judy Blum assure us) by government officials who "know all about UFOs" and who know that these UFOs are "here to help us"? They don't want the truth to come out, because the UFOs are here to help us? CIA personnel engage in terrestrial war-games and Watergates, actively participate in toppling one presidential administration, pump hallucinogenic drugs into unsuspecting and unwilling victims, illegally wiretap the citizenry (not to panic the people), casually commit thousands to a Cuban invasion, and then leave them helplessly stranded without air-cover (so they would not panic)-- and all the while this same Central Intelligence Agency is supposed to know that UFOs "are here to help us"!

On the face of it--just on the bare face of it--something is horribly rotten. These are not the actions of a bonafide agency dedicated to the best interests of the American men, women and children they are supposed to be serving and protecting!

And now comes a question that has staggered this writer: WHO REALLY CONTROLS THE CIA? The correct answer to this single, shocking question may hold the key to the entire CIA "Cosmic Watergate" cover-up with respect to the UFO enigma. We know that the simplest, most effective way to dominate any nation is first penetrate and then totally control its intelligence apparatus. Every single intelligence agency on Earth spends countless man-hours and funds in counter intelligence operations, particularly the Soviet Union's KGB and its American counterpart the CIA.

American and British intelligence agents still wince when they recall how Soviet master-spy Kim Philby managed to worm his way into the highest levels of British (and American) intelligence. Pretending to be a loyal British Subject, Philby was actually an extremely clever and unctuous Soviet secret agent! Thus we have the case of a Soviet agent, who actually dominated the British secret service. And, as chief advisor to the CIA, Kim Philby had unlimited access to America's most jealously guarded secrets! (See The Philby Conspiracy, by Bruce Page, David Leitch, and Phillip Knightley, Signet, N.Y. 1969.)

Exactly how deeply has the Soviet KGB apparatus penetrated the American CIA? A curious and foreboding incident occurred to Navy Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter, head of the CIA in 1949. On June 30, 1949, Senator McCarran wrote Hillenkoetter, inquiring whether Communists were coming into the United States through the United Nations. Attached to Senator McCarran's letter was a list of 100 names of persons to whom visas had been issued for admission to the United States either as affiliates of international organizations "or as officials or employees of foreign governments." (See America's Retreat from Victory, by Senator Joseph McCarthy, Devin-Adair Co., N.Y., 1952)

The late senator Joseph McCarthy quotes pertinent passages from Admiral Hillenkoetter's reply to Senator McCarran:

Thirty-two of the individuals named in your attached list have reportedly or allegedly been engaged in active work for the intelligence services of their respective countries. Twenty-nine of the individuals named in your attached letter are high-ranking Communist Party officials.

Shortly after Admiral Hillenkoetter furnished this information to Senator McCarthy, he was removed as head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and assigned to a post in the Western Pacific!

In his book McCarthy, by attorney Roy Cohen (The New American Library, N.Y., 1968), Cohen makes this statement:

One desired investigation that never got started was that of the Central Intelligence Agency, headed by Allen W. Dulles. Our staff had been accumulating extensive data about its operations and McCarthy was convinced that an inquiry was overdue.

Our files contained allegations gathered from various sources indicating that the CIA had unwittingly hired a large number of double agents--individuals who, although working for the CIA, were actually Communist agents whose mission was to implant inaccurate data. Since the function of the CIA is to compile estimates of the military capabilities, defence systems, and moral strengths of nations, and since top-level policies and decisions are based upon these estimates, false information accepted as true could be disastrous. (Italics added.)

"Anything we can do the UFOs can do better; the Spacemen can do anything better than we." Undoubtedly the Soviet KGB has planted counter intelligence Agents in Americas's CIA, and vice versa. As I discussed in Planet in Trouble, one of the most decisive blows to discredit all further official UFO research in the United States was struck by Dr. Edward U Condon, who headed the U.S. Air Force-funded UFO committee at the University of Colorado. This "Condon Committee" funded by a half million-dollar contract, was charged with the responsibility of studying the UFO problem and making recommendations. As Donald Keyhoe and others have amply documented, the Condon Committee's work and results constituted an obfuscating farce. Condon was outspoken, totally prejudiced UFO skeptic from the outset, who demonstrated no serious intention to examine and report on the factual documentation provided him by such UFO organizations as NICAP and APEO--the two most prominent and effective civilian UFO organization existing at the time.

Who picked Dr. Edward U. Condon to run this important committee? We know that Condon was involved in the Los Alamos atomic-bomb project. We know that Condon was dismissed from that top-secret project after being fingered by a Senate Committee as "the weakest link in our atomic security"! (Cf. The Greatest Plot in History, by Ralph de Toledano, Duell, Sloan & Pearce N.Y., 1963.) We know also that Condon had been recommended to the atomic-bomb project by Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the self-proclaimed espouser of Communist causes. And, inasmuch as the CIA has been controlling UFO investigations in the United States since 1948, it is safe to assume that the CIA, or someone in the CIA, made certain that Dr. Condon, whose sympathies for the Soviet Union were well known, should be chosen to chair the committee to investigate UFOs.

Another bit of information affords additional insight into our inquiry of CIA domination of the UFO problem in the United States, as well as aiding in answering our unanswered question: Who controls the CIA.

Writing in the respected British publication Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 20, No. 9, 1874, Gordon Creighton, who for many years was associated with British intelligence, had this to say:

As has been patent throughout all the years since the famous Robertson Panel of scientists was set up by the CIA in January 1953... the CIA has conducted itself with notable ruthlessness against UFO witnesses and UFO investigators, and has been prepared to go to great lengths to secure its ends. (In this respect they are no different from their more formidable and much more professional rivals, the KGB, and it is worth recalling that while they fight one another on the general world scene, they could well be in close collaboration on UFO matters: after all, Dr. Condon was in touch with his opposite number at the Soviet Academy of Sciences in 1968 after wide publicity had been given to UFO research activities in the Soviet Union. And the clampdown by the Academy of Sciences on discussions of UFOs -- announced in Pravda-- came just a few months before the attempted Kiss of Death of the Condon Report.)

To penetrate and control the "enemy's" intelligence apparatus is the goal of every intelligence chief. It is obvious that the CIA has been penetrated by the Soviet KGB. The horrifying intelligence record of American disasters and catastrophes becomes clarified when we comprehend this "alien" control. Now, when we shift our sights from terrestrial to extraterrestrial intelligence capabilities, the mud of connivance, collusion, confusion--on a global scale---begins also to clarify itself. If Earthmen can brainwash and employ counter-intelligence agents, is it "too far fetched" to posit that Spacemen can do likewise, "far better than we"? And since we know as a fact that intelligence operations always precede an enemy invasion, would it not be in the best interests of an alien outer-space race to thoroughly penetrate, indoctrinate, and dis-inform the population of a planet it was about to invade on a mass scale?

Furthermore, would it not be of considerable advantage to an alien race of intelligent beings, preparing (for whatever reason) to invade our Earth, to act in precisely the same manner with respect to dividing an enemy prior to any mass landings? Modern terrestrial armies are heavily dependent upon advance-intelligence agents, spies, and "dirty tricks" brigades to sow dissension, to cause chaos to provoke conflicts, strikes, work-stoppages, to demolish buildings, bridges,

railways, to disrupt commerce, to foment friction-- in short, to paralyze the people with panic!

An alerted and prepared populace does not panic. A populace that clearly understands the dangers ahead, that clearly realizes the face and intent of the enemy, does not panic. On the other hand, a populace that has been lied to, treated with arrogant contempt, lulled to sleep by propaganda and fairy tales about "The Coming Golden Age of Space" heralded by the coming of "the Space Brothers"-- such a populace, I say, is a cardboard pushover for any invasion, celestial or terrestrial.

Only the facts and the truth will help us now. We've had more than enough coverups and political claptrap. We need, we require bonafide intelligence from bonafide intelligence agents and agencies who have proven by their actions in the past and by their acts today that they do indeed have the best interests of this nation and this planet at heart. One can tell the false from the true, the good from the evil in exactly the same manner one determines if a tree is a good tree-by its fruit!

UFOS BEYOND THE FRINGE

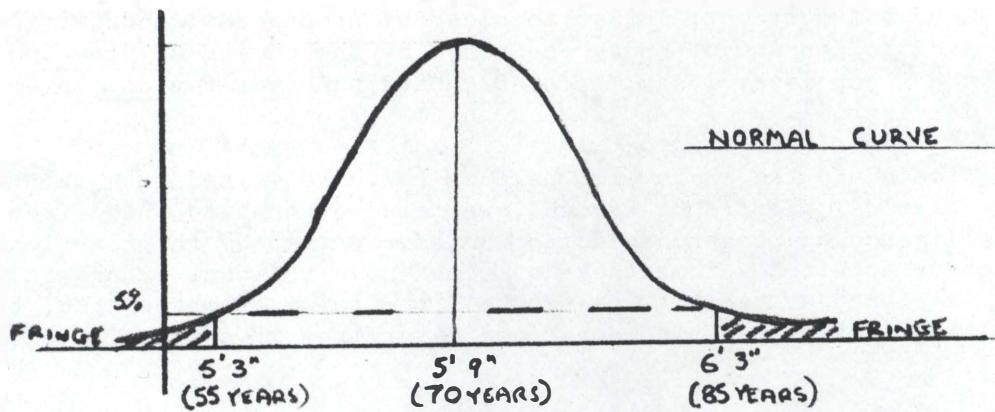
by G.E. Ambler

We acknowledge that UFO's exist, and have enough evidence on paper to prove they exist. Still, as far as is known, not one genuine artifact belonging to a UFO is available for inspection by the general public. We are told by scientists and archaeologists that something tangible must be there for them to dissect or carbon date - but are we barking up the wrong tree? Vastly superior technology is to hand, and we, with our puny minds and bodies are trying to interpret what is "beyond the fringe" to us, the human race. In the past man, has created deities in his own image - one only has to look at religious paintings in any art gallery. Suppose God or a god exists - the very epitome of advanced technology - why does he appear in human form in paintings or statues? The painters interpreted the deity within their limitations as human beings, and so today, we continue to interpret UFOs along the same lines.

Let us examine the human machine as it exists in 1985. Without question we have dominance over all other known forms of life on this planet, plant or animal, mainly because the human brain is considerably superior to the next best brain, whether it be ape, dolphin or whale. This enables the human to override his physical weaknesses - a lack of natural fur lining to keep his temperature correct in varying weather conditions; a very restricted sense of smell compared to most other animals; modest hearing ability; modest eyesight; and a growing understanding that a vast amount of his "mindpower" is not being utilised fully. Perhaps the last facet of his weaknesses is the one most likely to be resolved in the future - the developed mind may be able to see telepathically the UFOs which his eyes are able only occasionally, to see now.

How can we express these human weaknesses in a convenient form? We know from simple observation of our dogs and cats that our sense of smell and hearing are inferior, but what about the mind weaknesses which are more difficult to

establish? "Normal" behaviour is interpreted in our laws and customs. Any human stepping outside a permitted range of habits may find himself/herself locked away in prisons until they decide to remain inside the acceptable areas! In most aspects of life there is a "Normal" distribution in the population. Interpreted mathematically, it looks like the figure below:-



Two simple examples of this distribution are the heights of men and the longevity of men. We say the average height of a male is around 5'9" and around 50% of the population of the U.K. will be so., but towards the fringes where the curve flattens out there is around 5% of males under 5'3" or over 6'3" tall. At the extreme ends of the scale dwarfs of 4' or less and giants of 7' or more come 'beyond the fringe'. Members within the normal areas of height point them out in the street-nobody makes clothes of the right size for them to wear and they may become exhibited in fairgrounds or circuses. Similarly with ages - the average man lives to 70 years, but a number live to 85 years or more and some live less than 55 years. The issue may be clouded here by the number killed in accidents or warfare. Again the male living to 100 is pointed out in the street and receives telegrams from the Queen, but the male succumbing before the age of 40 from apparent natural causes is the subject of vigorous inquest and autopsy to find out why he strayed so far from the Normal Distribution!

The mind is seen to react strangely when it encounter non-Normal distribution data. Suppose a 50 foot tall giant appeared in human form, possibly the occupant of a UFO. This height is so far from the level of acceptable heights that the interpreting mind might completely fail to programme and the result is that the giant is not seen because the mind has failed to return a signal to the eyes. This phenomenon is not without precedent-when Captain Cook arrived in the South Seas back in the 18th Century it is said that local Polynesian natives could not see his ships because they were outside their range of programming being only used to seeing wooden canoes.

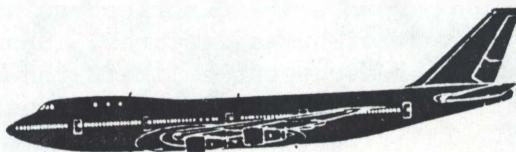
There is a distinct line of behavioural change when non-normal phenomena are encountered. In the first instance, it is merely "stand and stare". The mind points out this is non-normal but not excessive, like the 6'6" tall man. At a later stage the mind produces an aggressive response-possibly a 7'6" tall man might be considered a danger to persons within the Normal Distribution, or the man in an orange suit finds himself beaten up in the street for straying from acceptable colour levels! Punk types are invariably considered as aggressive to the author at least, although many are basically "normal" persons painted up like Red Indians! Finally, the stage is reached, when the mind does not register or does not accept the signal. The point at which this is reached may vary from person to person. Hence, the presence of a UFO could be clearly seen by "open" minds

but those persons who stick rigidly within the Normal distribution framework might not see anything at all.

The level at which acceptability rests also changes over periods of time. For example our medieval ancestors were no taller than 5'3" on average so the 6ft individual would then be considered a giant rather than the present height of 7ft. Sizes and shapes of non-human forms such as aircraft also change rapidly. For instance the typical passenger aircraft of the 1960s was the Boeing 707, whereas the huge Jumbo 747's began to dominate the skies from the mid 70's.



707



747

Initially the size of the 747 stood out immediately when viewed in the mid 70s, it was then outside a Normal Distribution of aircraft size. A "stop and stare" signal had been sent by the human mind. Now in the mid '80s, the surfeit of Jumbos in the skies has pushed this aircraft back into normal bounds and sometimes one cannot be sure if one is viewing a smaller 707 or a Jumbo because both are now acceptable in size ranges. Now if a Jumbo 747 is acceptable to mind programming a UFO which might be 6 times the size of a Jumbo just becomes visible on the very limit of mind acceptability, whereas ten years ago, the same UFO would not register at all. This could explain why more and more UFOs have been reported worldwide, as more and more aircraft have been produced in ever increasing sizes and numbers.

Perhaps more frightening, and an aspect seldom mentioned in UFO literature is that the UFO occupants could be a microscopic size - an intelligent virus maybe. Most of us cannot resolve an object below about 1 millimeter in diameter without the use of a magnifying glass or microscope. Bacteria and viruses and even minute insects easily pass in and out of the human body without any knowledge of their presence until a anti-body reaction is felt and the body is capable of destroying the invader.

It is believed that forms of bacterial life and/or viruses are blowing around in space, being concentrated in tails of comets and certain epidemics on a national or even global scale have been associated with the passing of a comet in earlier years. The other possibility is that UFO occupants of any size bring their own microscopic organisms within themselves or their craft and distribute them inadvertently into the Earth's atmosphere when they emerge from their craft.

At this moment in time 1985 a most frightening disease is causing great concern- namely AIDS, the Anti Immune Deficiency syndrome. It has been named the most threatening disease since the Second World War. All we know at present is that a virus is the source of attack to the body and that the most vulnerable group of persons are particularly promiscuous male homosexuals. To express this in terms of this article - the defences of the human body are capable of destroying 99% of bacteria etc. entering within, but this AIDS virus is so far from the

"Normal" structure that the body computer is unable to produce an appropriate response and consequently the virus is able to multiply unchecked taking all the resisting white corpuscles with it and allowing many other attacking bacteria to find an unopposed breeding ground.

The question remains - wheredid this AIDS virus come from? We know the first cases of fatalities arose in the USA, and some sources suggest an origin in tropical Africa. We do not know if the virus resulted from a genetic mutation in one particular person - or could the "thing" have been seeded from a passing comet or emerged from a UFO or even be a UFO occupant. Unlike the Loch Ness monster or the legendary Draken - this is real, this is here! No doubt we shall be inundated with claims and counter-claims in the press concerning the nature of AIDS and already a "Cover-Up" situation is possible.

Overall then, the human is able to accept an alien form not too diverse from itself. The humanoid types of UFO occupants are described as usually within 3 and 7 feet tall and possess many or most of human features. Should the aliens be excessively larger or smaller than these acceptable limits the human body reacts negatively and at a certain point "black-out" phase may be reached, whereby the alien is neither seen nor sensed. It is possible that the point of "black-out" will vary from person to person. Some people will see UFOs on many occasions - others none at all. In the microscopic field, some subjects succumb to the virus attack where others can overcome it becoming "carriers" to another person.

THE ANSWERS TO THE UFO PROBLEM

by A.J. Davies*

The purpose of this short article is to try and give a balanced explanation of the UFO phenomenon. By balanced, I do not mean to imply that I know something that no other UFO enthusiast knows. I am simply presenting my own personal, unbiased view.

Any look through UFO literature always leaves the reader puzzled. While one author may state that a particular case is important, another author, of equally good repute, may write that the case should be dismissed, for whatever reason. What both of these authors lack is an unbiased approach, they are too ready and willing to ignore an important, well-documented case simply because it does not fit in with their own personal theory to explain the UFO phenomenon.

There are many theories abounding which proclaim an answer to the UFO situation, and there are many well-documented cases to testify to the feasibility of such theories. However it is plain that no one theory can possibly explain all UFO sightings, and this is exactley what many writers on the UFO subject are trying to make us beleive.

The most popular theory to the ordinary man in the street is the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis (ETH). Unfortunately, it is also the most unlikely of the theories because of the sheer distances involved in interstellar travel. Even if

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one believes that it is possible to travel faster than the speed of light, how would any cosmic sightseers know of our existence? We have only recently started advertising the fact that we are here (by our never-ceasing radio and TV transmissions) and the universe is so large that the odds are against any other civilisation just stumbling across us.

Out of the many other theories purporting to explain the UFO phenomenon I think that very few should be disregarded totally, in my view most of the current theories play a part in the UFO phenomenon, however small.

I will assume that the reader is aware of the history of the cases which I will give as examples of some of the theories that are with us today.

One theory which comes into vogue every now and then is that the UFOs we see in our sky are a man-made phenomenon. I believe that several well-known cases can be explained using this theory. It could also explain the mysterious men in black (federal agents sent to silence people who have witnessed the latest secret military developments?), who play a sinister part in several UFO cases.

The 'airship flap' late in the last century could easily be explained in terms of secret man-made UFOs. In some cases witnesses had conversations with the (apparently quite human) occupants of these UFOs. If such vehicles appeared in our skies today we would immediately identify them as airships, but at that point in history airships were not known in many countries of the world, certainly not of the type described.

It is known that after World War II the USAF secretly experimented with saucer shaped aircraft, officially the project was dropped but what if...

Five years ago, in 1980, near Huffman, Texas, saw a case which supports the man-made theory. The Cash-Landrum case as it is popularly known involved a UFO which physically harmed the three witnesses, they suffered from ailments not unlike the effects of radiation poisoning. Obviously, in this case, as in any where there are direct physical effects upon the environment, the possibility of a 'psychic' UFO is ruled out. One fact that supports the man-made UFO theory is that a large number of helicopters were seen and heard, I believe that they were present for security reasons and that the three witnesses actually saw a test flight of a new type of military aircraft. According to the witnesses the UFO was not saucer shaped but had the appearance of a diamond and seemed to be belching flames. Not the type of activity we'd expect from a super-technologically advanced group of space beings!"

The other major popular theory is that UFOs are psychic projections. In this case I would also include UFOs which exist only in the mind of the witness, because I believe that the two are quite closely related.

Here I must point out that when a UFO exists 'only in the mind of the witness' it does not mean that the sighting is any less important. It must be remembered that the witness believes what he has imagined and in some cases he seems to draw upon a collective unconscious where he recalls things that by all rights he simply should not know.

I would suggest that a great number of UFO reports belong in this category, even cases in which photographs have been obtained. We have, for instance, all heard of Ted Serios and the psychic photographs he claims to produce. In many UFO cases the witnesses report the UFO to travel at impossible speeds and perform terrific aerial manoeuvres. In my opinion cases such as these should be classed as psychic UFOs.

A good example of this type of sighting and its related events can be found in the Sunderland family encounters (FSR vol.25 No.31, of 1976 in Wales, in which at one time or another the whole of the Sunderland family had UFO encounters or were subjected to other types of paranormal phenomena. In this particular case the link is there for all to see - Psychic UFOs together with other psychic phenomena. Furthermore, the UFO encounters were of a typical CE III type, in which case we should perhaps think again about several of the well-documented CE III cases where there was a lack of physical evidence (as I wrote above, in my opinion, strong physical evidence would disprove a psychic UFO).

Of course some people would answer that it would be impossible for several witnesses to see the same 'psychic UFO', especially when those witnesses are separated by some distance. I believe that this is quite possible and would cite as an example the incidences at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, where many thousands of people shared the same hallucination (of the Virgin Mary). It is incredible what the power of the mind can do.

A similar type of UFO theory, but more scientific in approach has been put forward by several UFOlogists at one time or another. This theory supposes that UFOs can be created by magnetic anomalies etc., Hence the link between UFOs and ley lines, megaliths etc., For example, Michael Persinger catalogued many UFO and other paranormal cases and compared them with earth tremors etc., His conclusion was that there was a peak of paranormal activity before the tremors. This suggests that forces within the earth, possibly electromagnetic in origin could cause UFOs or spectacular ball lightning effects. Some researchers have even gone as far as to theorise that an electromagnetic field could also affect part of the witnesses brain. In which case the witnesses could really believe that they were being abducted by a UFO while in reality they may only have witnessed a type of ball lightning. If this is true then it could solve many of the more puzzling, bizarre contact cases where the witnesses really believed that what they had seen was a UFO, but where there was only very fragmentary evidence.

According to may UFOlogists who support this theory, areas of magnetic anomaly and geo logical stress are places more likely to support UFO activity. For example, many megalithic sites have above-average UFO sightings, this theory may explain why.

Astronomical UFOs are probably the most valuable types of UFOs to study, if only because it proves to us that there are some things in the heavens that we can't understand. If a person sights an astronomical UFO it does not mean that they have made a blatant misidentification of a well known phenomenon. It could quite possibly be that they have seen a phenomenon which science has yet to explain. An example of this is ball lightning, the existence of which scientists have only recently acknowledged.

Perhaps in this article I have ruined some peoples preconceptions of the UFO phenomenon, but we must realise that there can be no aliens from another world, at least not in the normal sense. If there is any 'solid proof' of crashed saucers etc., I would put the blame at the government's feet. For instance, if you were the one who was responsible and a top secret military craft crashed, if you had a choice of leaking out stories of a crashed saucer with alien occupants or admitting the truth, which would you decide? There are only a few people who would believe such stories of crashed saucers. Most other people would discredit the whole story and think no more about it. Besides, the UFO phenomenon would give government agencies the chance to test psychological warfare, without risking any detection. The UFO subject is a hot potato and most people want nothing to do with it.

I believe that all UFO reports should be studied, not only by UFOlogists but

by psychologists and astronomers. Luckily, a growing number of serious UFO investigators are appearing who have a scientific background. Hopefully this will lead to a more scientific approach to the UFO phenomenon. Even hoaxes require careful study, why should people go about hoaxing a UFO sighting - there are much easier ways to gain publicity. Even in some of the more spectacular hoaxes there usually appears to be a grain of truth. Do people try to sensationalise their sightings? If so, why? From the UFO phenomenon we may learn a lot more about ourselves, and of course whatever lies behind those mysterious objects in our skies.

NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's not always possible to keep up-to-date with all the UFO books that are published, so I find myself occasionally reading ones that have been in circulation for years. As case in instance is Dino Kraspedon's "My Contact With UFOs" which I have just finished reading.

It was one of the few that did not make me raise a mental eyebrow; I'm only sorry that my knowledge of physics, mathematics and general science is so minimal that I couldn't follow all the fascinating calculations and theories that the alien discussed with the author. If any of you have read this book and have managed to check or research the contents, I should be most grateful if you would let me know.

I'm glad to announce that for the first time in newspaper history a new daily, published in Rome for the English-language market will carry a regular monthly column on UFOs, and I've been asked to write it! Naturally, this will help to spread the good word about Contact International, though I shall be glad to mention all serious UFO research organisations wherever they may be.

Particularly delighted at the news is our C.I. Italy representative, Paolo di Girolamo in Rome. He told me last week on the phone that there have been some major sightings in Italy, towards the end of last year, and that his group sent a full report to the Italian Ministry of Defence. "But so far, we haven't received an acknowledgment," Paolo said.

All the Best for the present.

- RUTH REES, President.

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